




Meeting Overview

- Introductions and Ice Breaker Activity
- Consultant Team and Roles
- General Plan Update Process and Work Plan Overview
- Project Schedule and Future GPAC Meetings
- Community Engagement Plan Overview
- Input on Vision, Priorities and Challenges
- Next Steps



LOMITA FEED STORE

Welcome/Introductions



Introductions

- Please introduce yourself and identify any groups or organizations you are representing
- What made you decide to call Lomita home?
- And/or, what's your favorite spot in the City?



Purpose of the General Plan

- Define a long-term vision for future growth and development within the City over the next 20 years
- Reflect the goals and values of the City
- Build on recent City planning efforts
- Include extensive public outreach and community participation
- Balance growth, sustainability and quality of life



Consultant Team Role: De Novo

De Novo Planning Group


- Facilitation of all public meetings, workshops and hearings
- Primary author of all key planning, environmental and background documents
- Provide expertise, suggestions and a "toolkit" to draft a plan the meets the needs of Lomita
- Adhere to the project budget and schedule
- Manage team of subconsultants (transportation, econ/fiscal, design, zoning)



Consultant Team Role: Subject Experts

- Kittelson and Associates, Inc.: Transportation and Mobility
- Economic and Planning Systems: Economics and Fiscal Analysis
- JZMK Partners: Urban Design
- City Advisors: Zoning
- MD Acoustics: Noise
- Cogstone: Cultural Resources
- Fusco: Infrastructure





Work Program



Where are we Headed?



Public Participation

- Existing Conditions Report **Happening now!**
- Identify Community Priorities
- Land Use Alternatives Report and Preferred Land Use Plan
- General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs
- Draft General Plan Update and Phase 1 Zoning Update
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Public Hearings




Community Engagement Plan

<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPAC • Website • Video • Social Media • Emails/ Newsletters • Partner Communication • Informational Materials 	<p>In-Person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Open House • Pop-up events • Focus Groups • Stakeholder Interviews • Planning Commission Meetings • City Council Meetings • Scoping Meeting (EIR) 	<p>Digital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Social Media • Online Survey – Visioning • Online Survey – Land Use
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General Plan Content: Elements

<p>Required Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use • Circulation/Mobility • Housing • Conservation • Open Space • Safety • Noise • Environmental Justice* 	<p>Optional Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Implementation
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General Plan Content: Organization

Goals

Broad statements of community desires, preferences, and the General Plan's purpose

Policies

Guides to decision-makers with respect to development proposals, future growth, and resource allocation

Programs/Actions

Implementation steps to ensure goals and policies are carried out



Each Element Will...

- Address requirements of State law
- Seek to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts
- Be grounded in sound community planning techniques
- Reflect the goals and priorities of the community
- Ensure internal consistency with other elements



Environmental Review

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prior to adoption of the General Plan
- The EIR will be prepared concurrently with the General Plan
- The EIR will identify possible environmental impacts
- Measures will be incorporated into the General Plan to make it a "self-mitigating" document



Public Review and Adoption

- Once the General Plan and EIR have been completed in draft form, they will be circulated for a public review and comment period
- Public workshops will be conducted
- The Planning Commission and City Council will consider public input
- Following any directed revisions, the General Plan and EIR will be adopted via a series of public hearings








GPAC Purpose

The GPAC will:

- Serve as a sounding board for the General Plan team
- Provide guidance on high-level vision, goals, and policies
- Review and provide input on land use and transportation alternatives
- Represent the community's interests and serve as "ambassadors" for the General Plan



The GPAC will not:

- Resolve issues of detailed policy
- Make final decisions on any issue
- Take positions on issues not brought before the committee

Decision-Making Process

- Staff and consultants will facilitate meetings
- Operate in spirit of consensus
 - 100% consensus not needed
 - No roll-call votes, but straw polls may be conducted
 - Differing points of view can be presented to the City Council

Basic Courtesies

- Share responsibility of ensuring the success of the process and quality of recommendations
- Make good faith effort to reach agreement
- Ask questions for clarification during meetings
- Acknowledge others' perspectives
- Refrain from side conversations
- Respond to questions put before the committee



GPAC Responsibilities

All Members

- Attend all GPAC meetings
- Prepare for each meeting by reviewing the agenda packet, reading the attached materials, and completing any assignments
- Participate in meetings
- Communicate with constituent groups
- Attend public workshops



GPAC Expectations

- Five days prior to each meeting, an agenda and reading assignments will be provided
 - Existing Conditions Report sections
 - Issue papers
 - Land Use Alternatives Report
 - Select portions of the existing General Plan
- Please come to each meeting having read the materials, and have thoughts and ideas to discuss with the group for each topic



GPAC Goals

The result of the GPAC's time together will be a Draft General Plan that is prepared and submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council for further review, input, and refinement. The City Council will have the final word regarding the content of the General Plan Update.





Vision, Priorities and Challenges



Assets, Challenges and Vision

ASSETS

- What do you value most about Lomita?
- What makes this a special place to live or work?

CHALLENGES

- What issues are facing the City that need to be addressed in the General Plan?

VISION


- What ideas do you have for the future of Lomita?
- What would make your community better?
- What three things would you like to see accomplished by 2045?




Assets

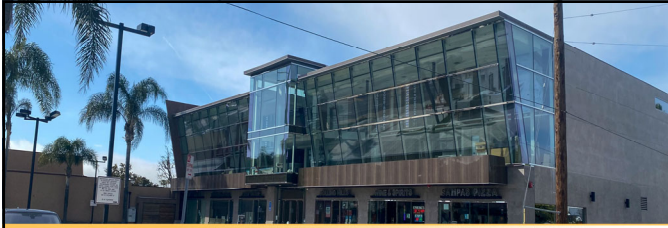


Challenges



Vision





Next Steps

GPAC Schedule

GPAC Meeting No.	Topic	Month	Day	Year	Status
1	Project kick-off and community vision/priorities	June	13	2023	Confirmed
2	Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability	July	13	2023	Confirmed
3	Land Use and Mobility	August	8	2023	Confirmed
4	Land Use Alternatives	September	12	2023	Confirmed
5	Public Facilities and Services, Safety, and Noise	October	10	2023	Confirmed
6	Open Space, Conservation, and Air Quality	November	14	2023	Confirmed
7	Presentation of Draft General Plan Elements	December	12	2023	Proposed
8	Feedback on Draft General Plan Elements	January	9	2024	Proposed





Comments/Questions?